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SUBJECT: CITCO INDONESIA'S FUTURE

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1. DURING RECENT FAREWELL CALL INDONESIA CITIES SERVICE (CITCO) AREA PRODUCTION SUPERINTENDENT LEE M. TALBERT INDICATED THAT THE "POLENG" DIELD NORTH OF MADURA CONTINUES TO PRODUCE ABOUT 2000 BBL/DAY OF LOW SULPHUR OIL WHICH IS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO ANACORTAS, WASH., FOR SHELL.

2. CITCO HAS BUDGETED THE DRILLING OF FOUR NEW WELLS IN 1978 BEGINNING IN APRIL. ONE WILL BE LOCATED JUST OFF THE MADURA COAST SOUTH OF THE POLENG FIELD AND TWO OFF THE KANGEAN ISLANDS ABOUT 125 MILES EAST OF MADURA. THE LOCATION OF THE FOURTH WELL BE DETERMINED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESULTS OF THE FIRST THREE.

3. CITCO HAD CONTRACTED FOR A GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY THIS FALL NORTH EAST OF THE KANGEAN ISLANDS BUT THIS SURVEY WAS ABANDONED AFTER A SUCCESSION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES WITH THE GOI. A NEW EFFORT IS TO BE MADE SHORTLY TO

COMPLETE THE SURVEY WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT
NOW BEING SHIPPED TO THE SITE, FROM THE CITCO/ASHLAND
SUPPLY BASE AT MASALEMBO ISLAND.

4. IF THERE ARE NO NEW FINDS, CITCO WILL PROBABLY
CLOSE DOWN ITS OWN OPERATIONS IN THE POLENG FIELD
WITH PERTAMINA ASSUMING RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.
AT PRESENT, CITCO IS FLAMING OFF GAS AT THE POLENG
WELLS THAT IS OF GREATER VALUE THAN THE PETROLEUM
BEING PRODUCED. SHOULD ADDITIONAL GAS BE DISCOVERED
AT THE NEW OFF SHORE MADURA SITE, IT MAY JUSTIFY
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PIPELINE TO CONNECT BOTH
FIELDS TO THE PETROCHEMIE PLANT IN GRESIC (ABOUT
20 M NORTH OF SURABAYA), WHICH, ACCORDING TO ITS
DIRECTOR, RAHMAN SUBANDHI, IS ANXIOUS TO UTILIZE
THE GAS AS A RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
FERTILIZERS.

5. FOLLOWING TALBERT'S DEPARTURE NEXT MONTH, CITCO'S
EAST JAVA OPERATIONS, AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE, WILL BE
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A DRILLING AND PRODUCTION
SUPERVISOR BASED IN JAKARTA. UNLESS THIS FINAL
EXPLORATION PROVES FRUITFUL, IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT CITCO'S LENGTHY BUT DISAPPOINTING EFFORTS IN
EAST JAVA WILL SOON BE CONCLUDED.

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